

Table S1. UV-vis spectral data for the interaction of H₂t(py)P with H₂C₂O₄ in CH₂Cl₂.

| Porphyrins and the dications | Soret band (λ /nm) | Q(0,0) band (λ /nm) |
|---|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| H ₂ t(2-py)P | 417.0 | 642.2 |
| H ₂ t(2-py)P(H ₂ C ₂ O ₄) ₂ | 449.8 | 645.2 |
| $\Delta\nu$ (cm ⁻¹) | -1748.7 | -77.3 |
| H ₂ t(3-py)P | 418.0 | 646.4 |
| H ₂ t(3-py)P(H ₂ C ₂ O ₄) ₂ | 439.7 | 636.2 |
| $\Delta\nu$ (cm ⁻¹) | -1180.6 | 248.0 |
| H ₂ t(4-py)P | 416.0 | 643.0 |
| H ₂ t(4-py)P(H ₂ C ₂ O ₄) ₂ | 443.1 | 654.3 |
| $\Delta\nu$ (cm ⁻¹) | -470.2 | -268.5 |

Table S2. UV-vis spectral data for the interaction of H₂t(py)P with HNO₃ in CH₂Cl₂.

| Porphyrins and the dications | Soret band (λ /nm) | Q(0,0) band (λ /nm) |
|---|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| H ₂ t(2-py)P | 417.0 | 642.0 |
| H ₂ t(2-py)P(HNO ₃) ₂ | 449.8 | 650.9 |
| $\Delta\nu$ (cm ⁻¹) | -1748.7 | -213.0 |
| H ₂ t(3-py)P | 418.0 | 646.4 |
| H ₂ t(3-py)P(HNO ₃) ₂ | 441.9 | 639.6 |
| $\Delta\nu$ (cm ⁻¹) | -1293.8 | 164.5 |
| H ₂ t(4-py)P | 416.0 | 643.0 |
| H ₂ t(4-py)P(HNO ₃) ₂ | 453.2 | 647.5 |
| $\Delta\nu$ (cm ⁻¹) | -1973.1 | -107.9 |

Table S3. UV-vis spectral data for the interaction of H₂t(py)P with H₂SO₄ in CH₂Cl₂.

| Porphyrins and the dications | Soret band (λ /nm) | Q(0,0) band (λ /nm) |
|---|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| H ₂ t(2-py)P | 417.0 | 642.0 |
| H ₂ t(2-py)P(H ₂ SO ₄) ₂ | 447.6 | 641.8 |
| $\Delta\nu$ (cm ⁻¹) | -1639.5 | 4.8 |
| H ₂ t(3-py)P | 418.0 | 646.4 |
| H ₂ t(3-py)P(H ₂ SO ₄) ₂ | 436.3 | 633.9 |
| $\Delta\nu$ (cm ⁻¹) | -1019.0 | 305.0 |
| H ₂ t(4-py)P | 416.0 | 643.0 |
| H ₂ t(4-py)P(H ₂ SO ₄) ₂ | 446.4 | 640.7 |
| $\Delta\nu$ (cm ⁻¹) | -1637.0 | 55.9 |